

MAPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2008 – 1:00 pm

Members present:

Chris Dorion
Dave Turcotte
Gary Fullerton
Johanna Szillery
Dave Rocque
Dale Brewer
Amy Jones
Anna Kettell

meeting begins at 1:40pm

Reid State Park – September 3rd

- Dave Rocque stated that all stations and representatives have been contacted and will be returning to same locations.
- 140 participants last year; less expected this year
- CEO's have been invited to attend
- MASE has offered to provide cold drinks for workshop
- Gary Fullerton will email registration forms to all MASE members

2009 Workshop

- MAPSS/ MAWS asked Dave Rocque to look into workshop in the western mountains (Saddleback Mountain is ideal). He will be going to the area on Tuesday, July 29th
- Dave discussed his concern with all of the development in the mountain areas for wind farms and subdivisions. (regarding soil erosion and road ditching)
- Dave would like to show the steep sideslopes with the concave and convex landscape. Runoff channels should be reviewed for stream jurisdiction.
- Site visit by MAPSS/ MAWS is planned for this Fall. DEP/ LURC will also be invited.

MASE/ MAPSS Field Day – Thursday, September 25th

- Schedule is as follows: 8-10 Test Pit Review at leisure
10-12 NRCS Discussion of MAPSS test pits
12-1 Lunch (Provided by MASE)
1-end Powerpoint Discussion

- Gary Fullerton will check with Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator, to make sure gate is open by 8am
- Discussion ensued in regards to keying out hydric soils at this workshop. Dave Rocque recommended not dealing with this at this time.
- Motion was made by Anna Kettell to donate \$200 to MASE to defer costs of food for workshop. Motion was seconded by Chris Dorion. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Gary Fullerton will ask MASE Executive Board to offer workshop at no cost.

Winter Workshop

- Need to educate planning boards on the value of soil surveys.
- Dave Rocque has asked for photos of blasting, erosion ditches that are not functioning properly, problem areas from stormwater issues, etc.
- MAPSS needs to contact MMA (Maine Municipal Association) and Lana Clough, CEO coordinator. Dale Brewer will see if we can offer MMA a presentation during one of their meetings.
- Need to present the question, Why do we need soil surveys? Answers include stormwater, roads, wet basements, etc. Gary Fullerton has offered to share a presentation that he used to educate the Town of Limington on soil surveys for their new ordinance.

Common Ground Fair

- Dates for the 2008 Common Ground Fair are September 19, 20, and 21. Dave Turcotte is looking for volunteers to offer ½ day.
- Dave would also like to have a groundwater flow model to display. Cost is approximately \$300. It was stated by Chris Dorion that the Executive Committee cannot vote on expenditures over \$250.
- Johanna Szillery recommends having a soil monolith on display.
- Dave Rocque said that drainage is the real concern to most attendees.

MAWS Certification Committee

- Chris Dorion sent a letter of support to Jim Boyle, MAWS Certification Committee.

Newsletter

- Newsletter was mailed out by Amy Jones on July 23rd

Education Chair Report

- Johanna Szillery asked about what other groups are doing to bring younger folks into the industry.

- Chris Dorion spoke about GSM (Geological Society of Maine) and they have 2 meetings per year with student presentations.
- ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) has a student chapter for universities.

Membership Chair Report

- Current membership consists of 47 full members, 21 associate members, and 3 honorary members.

Chris Dorion states that winter workshop with Code Enforcement Officers and Town Planners is important for determining the need for Soil Scientists.

Next meeting is planned for November, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm